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FEBRUARY 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION ITEMS

SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA: PRESIDENT NUMAYRI OF SUDAN SENT HIS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, KAMAL MUHAMMAD AHMAD, TO ADDIS ABABA TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT CONTAINING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. SPECIAL ENVOYS WERE ALSO DISPATCHED TO THE ERITREAN LEADERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN ASMARA REPORTS THAT THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN ADDIS ABABA HAS ASKED THE COMMITTEE OF 38 ERITREAN NOTABLES TO RECONVENE. THE COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY WILL BE ASKED TO NEGOTIATE A CEASE-FIRE WITH THE ELF. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN HOW THE NOTABLES WILL REACT TO SUCH A REQUEST.

U.S. PERSONNEL AT THE KAGNEW STATION IN ASMARA ARE CONTINUING ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS. UNLESS THE SITUATION BECOMES WORSE, THEY WILL REMAIN THERE. SOME FIGHTING WAS REPORTED SUNDAY SOUTH OF ASMARA, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ACTION TODAY.

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